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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 March 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed Fifty-second session
(First part)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113](A/52/727, A/52/753 and A/52/755)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

   Procurement reform (A/51/804, A/52/338, A/52/534 and Corr.1, A/52/7/Add.3 and A/52/813)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/699 and A/52/7/Add.7)

   Conclusion of general discussion

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 March 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed Fifty-second session
(First part)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 9 March 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed Fifty-second session
(First part)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Organization of work (A/C.5/52/L.22/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/40 and A/C.5/52/41)

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury (Bangladesh) declared open the first part of the Committee's resumed fifty-second session and introduced the revised organization of work proposed by the Bureau and status of preparedness of documentation contained in document A/C.5/52/L.22/Rev.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee also made a statement.

Attention was also drawn to the exchange of correspondence contained in documents A/C.5/52/40 and A/C.5/52/41.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Slovakia, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), the Netherlands, Pakistan, India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Cuba, Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Greece and Uganda.

The Controller and the Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided:

(a) to approve its programme of work as contained in document A/C.5/52/L.22/Rev.1, on the understanding that the Bureau will review the progress of work and make necessary adjustments as and when necessary;

(b) to include in the programme of work of the second part of the resumed session of the Committee, the question of the administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO;

(c) to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct (A/52/488) under agenda items 114, 153 and 157.

(d) to consider the question of gratis personnel at the present session subject to the availability of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Audit Operations Committee introduced the reports of the Board (A/52/753 and A/52/755) and provided comments on the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/727).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Norway), India, Algeria, Uganda and the United States.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/534 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/52/7/Add.3).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/52/813).

Organization of work

The representative of Indonesia made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Tuesday, 10 March 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FIFTH COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the financial situation of the Organization at the end of 1997 and the prospects for 1998.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway), India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Canada, Uruguay, the United States, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Poland, Cuba, Latvia, Tunisia and Ukraine.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management responded to questions posed.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform

The Vice-Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of the Unit (A/52/338).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United States, Algeria, New Zealand, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/52/776 and A/52/777).

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Chief of Common System and Specialist Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/699).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/52/7/Add.7.

Other matters

The Director of the Operational Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management made a statement regarding the reasons for the delay in the issuance of the quarterly report, requested in General Assembly resolution 51/243.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Portugal.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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